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## PROCEEDINGS.

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At a legal town meeting, duly notified and held at Concord, in the County of Merrimack, on the second Tuesday of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, under the first article in the Warrant, which was in the following words, viz. :

“ART. 1.—To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting,”—

The following votes were given in for Moderator :—

Whole number of tickets cast,	10
Nathaniel B. Baker had	10 votes.

And NATHANIEL B. BAKER, having the whole number of votes given in, was declared duly elected, and took the oath by law prescribed.

*Voted*, To consider the third and fourth articles together.

“ART. III.—To bring in your votes for Governor, Councillor, Senator, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds, three Road Commissioners, and for one person, an inhabitant of the second Congressional District of said State, duly qualified to represent said district in the Congress of the United States.”

In pursuance to the foregoing article the following tickets were given in :

**For Governor.**

Whole number of tickets cast,	1672
Samuel Dinsmoor had	786 votes.
Thomas E. Sawyer had	464 "
John Atwood had	422 "

**For Representative to Congress.**

Whole number of tickets cast,	1651
Charles H. Peaslee had	820 votes.
Anthony Colby had	523 "
Asa Fowler had	222 "
Samuel G. Berry had	66 "
Scattering,	19

**For Councillor.**

Whole number of tickets cast,	1666
Greenleaf Clark had	907 votes.
David Currier had	632 "
Samuel Dudley had	225 "
Scattering;	2

**For Senator.**

Whole number of tickets cast,	1666
John S. Shannon had	907 votes.
John Batchelder had	531 "
John L. French had	225 "
Scattering,	3

**For Register of Deeds.**

Whole number of tickets cast,	1654
Peltiah Brown had	841 votes.
Reuben T Leavitt had	804 "
Scattering,	8

**For County Treasurer.**

Whole number of tickets cast,	1665
Jeremiah H. Wilkins had	856 votes.
Benjamin L. Locke had	806 "
Scattering,	3

**For Road Commissioners.**

Whole number of votes cast,	1679
Benjamin P. Burpee had	1135 votes.

Daniel Osgood had	909 votes.
Warren Perley had	908 "
Charles Stinson had	532 "
James McCrillis had	532 "
Enoch Coffin had	530 "
Andrew Taylor had	226 "
Aaron W. Baker had	226 "
Scattering,	6

**“ART. IV.—To choose Representatives to represent said town in the General Court to be held at said Concord on the first Wednesday of June next.”**

In pursuance to the above article the following tickets were given in

**For Representative to General Court.**

Whole number of tickets cast,	1674
Necessary to a choice,	838
Nathaniel B. Baker had	840 votes.
John H. George had	810 "
George F. Sanborn had	808 "
Ebenezer Symmes had	807 "
William H. Page had	802 "
John L. Tallant had	801 "
James Moore had	796 "
Harry Houston had	768 "
B. F. Gale had	534 "
Nathaniel White had	530 "
Nathan Chandler had	528 "
Stephen Brown had	527 "
Joseph Eastman had	523 "
Robert Hall had	520 "
George G. Virgin had	515 "
Charles Smart had	497 "
Caleb Parker had	230 "
David M. Dearborn had	229 "
Asa Fowler had	229 "
Abraham J. Prescott had	224 "
Samuel Knowlton had	223 "

Shadrach Seavey had	222 votes.
Eliphaz W. Upham had	219 "
Henry M. Moore had	209 "
Joseph Greely had	106 "
Joseph French, 2d, had	103 "
Benjamin H. Weeks had	102 "
Jonathan Sanborn had	102 "
Joseph S. Lund had	101 "
James Hoit had	99 "
Nathan Call had	98 "
John Putney had	98 "
Scattering,	56

And NATHANIEL B. BAKER, having a majority of all the votes given in, was declared by the Moderator duly elected.

*Voted*, To adjourn to Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 1851.**

Met according to adjournment.

**Second Ballot for Representatives.**

Whole number of tickets cast,	1630
Necessary to a choice,	816
George F. Sanborn had	792 votes.
William H. Page had	787 "
Ebenezer Symmes had	784 "
John H. George had	779 "
John L. Tallant had	776 "
James Moore had	763 "
Harry Houston had	757 "
Nathaniel White had	564 "
B. F. Gale had	554 "
Joseph Eastman had	552 "
Nathan Chandler had	547 "
Robert Hall had	546 "
Stephen Brown had	542 "
George G. Virgin had	542 "
Asa Fowler had	209 "
David M. Dearborn,	207 "



Caleb Parker had	207 votes.
Shadrach Seavey had	206 "
Samuel Knowlton had	203 "
Abraham J. Prescott had	200 "
Eliphaz W. Upham had	194 "
Jonathan Sanborn had	76 "
Joseph Greely had	76 "
James Hoit had	76 "
Joseph S. Lund had	75 "
Nathan Call had	73 "
Joseph French, 2d, had	73 "
John Putney had	71 "
Scattering,	56

And no person having a majority of all the tickets given in, it was declared by the Moderator that there was no choice.

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### CONCORD, MARCH, 12, 1851.

Whereas, John P. Johnson has resigned the office of Town Clerk of said town of Concord, we, the undersigned Selectmen of said town, hereby appoint Henry P. Rolfe, of said town, to the office of Town Clerk for said town of Concord.

JOSEPH ROBINSON,	} <i>Selectmen of Concord.</i>
ISAAC VIRGIN,	
JOHN C. PILLSBURY,	
ATKINSON WEBSTER,	

Merrimack, ss.

March, 12, 1851.

Then appeared the said Henry P. Rolfe, and took the oath of office,

Before me,

N. B. BAKER,

*Justice of the Peace.*

Recorded the 12th day of March, A. D. 1851.

H. P. ROLFE, *Town Clerk.*

### Third Ballot for Representatives.

Whole number of tickets cast,	1480
Necessary to a choice,	741

George F. Sanborn had	695 votes.
Ebenezer Symmes had	694 "
John H. George had	692 "
John L. Tallant had	691 "
William H. Page had	690 "
James Moore had	688 "
Harry Houston had	679 "
Nathaniel White had	524 "
Benjamin F. Gale had	520 "
Joseph Eastman had	518 "
Stephen Brown had	514 "
Robert Hall had	512 "
Nathan Chandler had	512 "
George G. Virgin had	511 "
Asa Fowler had	213 "
David M. Dearborn had	202 "
Caleb Parker had	201 "
Shadrach Seavey had	200 "
Samuel Knowlton had	200 "
Abraham J. Prescott had	196 "
Eliphaz W. Upham had	196 "
Joseph French, 2d, had	61 "
James Hoit had	60 "
Jonathan Sanborn had	59 "
Joseph Greely had	58 "
Joseph S. Lund had	58 "
Nathan Call had	57 "
John Putney had	55 "
Scattering,	29

And no person having a majority of all the tickets given in, it was declared by the Moderator that there was no choice.

*Voted,* To adjourn to Thursday morning at 9 o'clock.

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### THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 1851.

Met according to adjournment.

*Voted,* To recur to article second.

*Voted,* That the board of selectmen for the ensuing year consist of three members.

Auditors' report on selectmen's account was read, and by vote laid on the table.

*Voted*, That the Auditors of the accounts of the Selectmen and acting Treasurer of the town of Concord, for the next, and each succeeding year, be hereby authorized and directed to procure the printing of their report, and cause the same to be distributed among the voters of the town at least seven days before the annual meeting, and that the Selectmen and acting Treasurer be hereby directed to close their annual accounts in season to allow of the same being done.

**"ART. II.—To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year."**

In pursuance to the above article the following tickets were given in

**For Town Clerk.**

Whole number of tickets cast,	1470
Necessary to a choice,	736
Alpheus D. Smith had	699 votes.
Nathaniel Evans, Jr., had	542 "
William D. Robinson had	201 "
Scattering,	28

And no person having a majority of all the tickets given in, it was declared by the Moderator, that there was no choice.

**Ballot for Selectmen.**

Whole number of tickets cast,	1497
Necessary to a choice,	749
Nathan Stickney had	781 votes.
Lorenzo D. Brown had	745 "
John C. Pillsbury had	738 "
Atkinson Webster had	718 "
Joseph Robinson had	608 "
John Abbot had	606 "
Shadrach Seavey had	203 "
Joseph Graham had	78 "
Moses H. Farnum had	30 "

Isaac Virgin had	24 votes.
Scattering,	29 "

And NATHAN STICKNEY, having a majority of all the votes given in, was declared by the Moderator duly elected.

*Voted*, To adjourn to Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 1851.

Met according to adjournment.

### Second Ballot for Town Clerk.

Whole number of tickets cast,	1444
Necessary to a choice,	723
William D. Robinson had	717 votes.
Alpheus D. Smith had	677 "
Nathaniel Evans, Jr., had	33 "
Scattering,	17

And no person having a majority of all the tickets given in, it was declared by the Moderator that there was no choice.

### Second Ballot for Selectmen.

Whole number of tickets cast,	1466
Necessary to a choice,	734
John C. Pillsbury had	768 votes.
John Abbot had	764 "
Atkinson Webster had	691 "
Lorenzo D. Brown had	647 "
Joseph Graham had	18 "
Scattering,	14

And JOHN C. PILLSBURY and JOHN ABBOT, having each a majority of all the votes given in, were declared by the Moderator duly elected.

*Voted*, To adjourn to Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 1851.**

Met according to adjournment.

Personally appeared Nathan Stickney, John C. Pillsbury and John Abbot, and were qualified as selectmen of Concord, by severally taking the oath by law prescribed,  
Before CALVIN AINSWORTH,

*Justice of the Peace.*

*Voted*, To proceed to ballot for Town Clerk, and upon the amendments of the New-Hampshire Constitution at the same balloting.

**Third Ballot for Town Clerk.**

Whole number of tickets cast,	749
Necessary to a choice,	375
William D. Robinson had	451 votes.
George E. Holbrook had	286 “
Scattering,	12

And WILLIAM D. ROBINSON, having a majority of all the votes given in, was declared by the Moderator duly elected.

“ART. V.—To take the sense of the qualified voters, whether the alterations and amendments of the Constitution, proposed by the Constitutional Convention, shall be approved.”

**Ballot,**

Upon the amendments proposed by the Convention, to revise the Constitution of the State of New-Hampshire.

*Question 1st.*—Do you approve of the Bill of Rights, as amended by the convention ?

Yeas,	111
Noes,	524

*Ques. 2d.*—Do you approve of a House of Representatives, to be constituted and chosen as provided in the amended Constitution ?

Yeas,	20
Noes,	615

*Quest. 3d.*—Do you approve of a Senate, to be constituted and chosen as provided in the amended Constitution ?

Yeas,	53
Noes,	583

*Ques. 4th.*—Do you approve of the provisions adopted by the Convention, on the subject of Governor and Lieutenant Governor ?

Yeas,	68
Noes,	566

*Ques. 5th.*—Do you approve of the biennial election of Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Legislature, and of biennial sessions of the Legislature, as adopted by the Convention ?

Yeas,	11
Noes,	626

*Ques. 6th.*—Do you approve of the amendments proposed by the Convention in relation to the election and appointment of County Judges, Judges of Probate, and other public officers, and the tenure of their office ?

Yeas,	78
Noes,	558

*Ques. 7th.*—Do you approve of the amendments proposed relating to Trial Justices and Courts, and their jurisdiction ?

Yeas,	108
Noes,	527

*Ques. 8th.*—Do you approve of the abolition of the religious test and property qualification, as proposed in the amended Constitution ?

Yeas,	122
Noes,	509

*Ques. 9th.*—Do you approve of the mode of making future amendments of the Constitution, as proposed in the amended Constitution ?

Yeas,	92
Noes,	542

*Ques. 10th.*—Do you approve of the amendment providing that the Judges of the Supreme Court and the Attorney General shall be elected by the people, and the tenure of their office ?

Yeas,	45
Noes,	590

*Ques. 11th.*—Do you approve of the amendment requiring the election of a Superintendent of Public Instruction, as provided in the amended Constitution?

Yeas,	71
Noes,	559

*Ques. 12th.*—Do you approve of the amendment requiring the election of Commissioner of Agriculture, as provided for in the amended Constitution?

Yeas,	59
Noes,	572

*Ques. 13th.*—Do you approve of the amendment provided in the amended Constitution?

Yeas,	70
Noes,	565

*Ques. 14th.*—Do you approve of the amendment abolishing the Council?

Yeas,	79
Noes,	556

*Ques. 15th.*—Do you approve of the other alterations and amendments, as made in the amended Constitution?

Yeas,	44
Noes,	581

*Voted,* To adjourn to Monday morning, March 17, at 9 o'clock.

### MONDAY, MARCH 17, 1851.

Met according to adjournment.

Attest, H. P. ROLFE, *Town Clerk.*

Personally appeared William D. Robinson, and took the oath by law prescribed.

*Voted,* That the Selectmen appoint Highway Surveyors, for the three centre districts.

The Committee, appointed to nominate Town Officers for the ensuing year, made the following report which was accepted, and the nominations confirmed by the meeting.

**For Highway Surveyors.**

Simeon Farnum, Jr.,	Ezra Ballard,
Thompson Tenney,	Benjamin How,
Robert M. Adams,	Nelson Young,
John Putney,	Timothy Carter,
John Locke,	George B. Elliot,
Amos Hoit,	Alexander Thompson,
Henry Farnum,	Jeremiah S. Abbot,
Woodbury Flanders,	Alpheus Proctor,
Atkinson Webster,	Chandler E. Stevens,
Eben F. Elliot,	Simeon Abbot,
Robert Knowlton,	Abbot Saltmarsh,
Enoch H. Dow,	Samuel B. Knowles.
John D. Boyes,	Asa H. Morrill,
Joseph Graham,	Daniel Clark, 2d,
Albert G. Dow,	

And JOSEPH GRAHAM, ALBERT G. DOW, JEREMIAH S. ABBOT, and SAMUEL B. KNOWLES, being present took the oath by law prescribed.

**Surveyors of Stone.**

Laban Page,	Davis J. Neal,
Henry Lawrence,	N. P. Fogg.
William Smith,	

And DAVIS J. NEAL being present took the oath by law prescribed.

**For Constables.**

Abraham Bean,	John Abbot,
Charles Smart,	Enoch H. Dow,
Simeon G. Davis,	Rufus D. Scales,
Harry Houston,	Lowell Eastman,
Horatio N. Harvey,	James Hoit,
John C. Pillsbury,	Charles A. W. Folsom,
Isaac Eastman,	Hiram Dow,
David S. Page,	Simon B. Whicher,
George W. Greely,	Chauncey C. Bartlett,
Hiram Simpson,	Albert H. Drown,
Heman Sanborn,	John C. Hall.

And ABRAHAM BEAN, ISAAC EASTMAN, DAVID S. PAGE,



HEMAN SANBORN, JOHN ABBOT, LOWELL EASTMAN, JAMES HOIT and CHAUNCEY C. BARTLETT, being present, took the oath by law prescribed.

### Auditors of Town Accounts.

Samuel Coffin, Jonathan E. Lang, Calvin Ainsworth.

### Fence Viewers.

Moses Shute, John Abbot and James Frye.

### Cullers of Staves.

Gilbert Perkins,	Samuel Curtis,
William Haywood,	Leonard Bell.

### Surveyors of Lumber.

Nathaniel Rolfe,	John Titcomb,
John Kimball,	Sewell Hoit,
John K. Cate,	Daniel Rand,
Horatio N. Harvey,	Daniel Dunlap,
Ebenezer F. Elliot,	Lowell Eastman,
Asa H. Morrill,	Joseph Alden,
Enoch H. Dow,	Abel B. Holt,
Elbridge G. Dimond,	Atkinson Webster,
Joseph Moody,	Asa Parker,
Ebenezer Eastman,	George Williams,
John Putney,	Rodney G. Cutting,
Joseph Batchelder,	George Frye,
John Abbot,	Albert Abbot,
Abel Baker,	Samuel McConnell,
Reuben Goodwin, Jr.	Aaron Abbot,
Charles H. Clough,	John Sawyer,
Philip Sargent,	Caleb Parker,
Henry M. Moore,	Jeremiah B. Clough,
Shadrach Seavey,	Henry L. Elliot,
Nathaniel C. Elliot,	Jonathan Sanborn,
Jeremiah S. Noyes,	Samuel Hutchins, Jr.
James G. Warren,	Joseph F. Dow,
Daniel S. Fletcher,	Samuel N. Farnsworth.
Marshall B. Colby,	

And JOHN ABBOT, PHILIP SARGENT, ABEL B. HOLT, ATKINSON WEBSTER, GEORGE WILKINS, and JEREMIAH S. NOYES, being present, took the oath by law prescribed.

**Corders of Wood.**

Philip Sargent,  
Cyrus Robinson,  
Enos Blake,  
George F. Sanborn,  
John Batchelder,  
George Abbot,  
John Abbot,  
John C. Pillsbury,  
William H. Allen,  
Marshall B. Colby,  
E. W. Upham,  
Abial Rolfe,  
Rodney G. Cutting,  
Woodbridge Odlin,

John Goss,  
George Main,  
Lyman A. Walker,  
Caleb Parker,  
Aaron Abbot,  
B. F. Dow,  
Cady Clark,  
John M. Dearborn,  
Charles A. W. Folsom,  
John B. Fisk,  
Cyrus Hill,  
Elliot Chickering,  
N. H. Sanborn.

And PHILIP SARGENT, CYRUS ROBINSON, ENOS BLAKE, JOHN ABBOT and JOHN C. PILLSBURY, being present, took the oath by law prescribed.

**Weighers of Hay.**

Isaac Eastman,  
James Jones,  
George Dame,  
N. H. Sanborn,  
George W. Brown,  
Francis A. Fisk,  
John Batchelder,

Cyrus Robinson,  
John Pettingill,  
James Woolson,  
W. P. Hardy,  
John M. Dearborn,  
John Putney.

**Sealers of Leather.**

Cyrus Robinson,  
Enos Blake,  
Chase Hill,

Jacob P. Sanders,  
William Gilman,  
B. F. Dow.

And CYRUS ROBINSON and ENOS BLAKE, being present, took the oath by law prescribed.

**Sealers of Weights and Measures.**

A. B. Currier, Abial Rolfe, Jacob Carter and Ivory Hall.

**Pound Keepers.**

Simeon Abbot and Moses Gill.

CLERK OF THE MARKET—Reuben G. Wyman.

HAYWARD—Richard Bradley.

**“ART. VI.—To raise and appropriate such sums of money, as may be necessary for the support of Schools, for the building and repairing of highways and bridges, and to defray all other town charges for the ensuing year.”**

Under the above article,—

*Voted*, To raise the sum of eight thousand dollars to pay the existing debts, and defray the necessary charges and expenses of the town the ensuing year; and that the same, together with the sums which may be received for tax on Railroads and Railroad stock, be appropriated by the Selectmen as the interests of the town may require.

*Voted*, That a sum of money be raised, in addition to the sum required by law to be raised, as shall amount to four thousand dollars for the support of schools the current year, and that two hundred dollars of said sum be divided equally among the several school districts, and the residue of said sum be divided among the several school districts in the same manner as last year.

*Voted*, To raise four thousand dollars for the building and repairing highways and bridges, to be laid out in labor at ten cents per hour.

*Voted*, That the report of the Auditors of Accounts for 1850-1 be accepted.

[For Report see page 23.]

*Voted*, That the Selectmen assume, in behalf of the town, the debt of two thousand dollars, originally contracted by Abraham Bean, Joseph Robinson, surety, with the Mechanicks Bank.

**“ART. VII.—To see what disposition the town will make of the Parsonage, School, Library, and Surplus Revenue funds.”**

Upon the above article,—

*Voted*, That the report of the Committee having in charge the various funds belonging to the town be accepted.

[For Report see page 26.]

*Voted*, That the income arising from the parsonage fund be distributed as last year.

*Voted*, That the share of the literary fund received by the town be divided equally among the several school districts in town.

“ART. VIII.—To see if the town will vote to raise, by loan or otherwise, such sum or sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expense of re-building Federal Bridge.”

Under the above article,—

*Voted*, That the selectmen be and hereby are authorized to borrow on the credit of the town, a sum of money not exceeding ten thousand dollars, to defray the expense of re-building Federal Bridge, at a rate of interest not exceeding six per cent.

“ART. IX.—To see if the town will vote to build a bank wall on the north side of the road in the cut near the house of Enoch and Robert B. Hoit.”

*Voted*, That the above article be referred to the selectmen.

“ART. X.—To see if the town will adopt measures to settle with the proprietors of Federal Bridge, and raise and appropriate money for that purpose.”

Under the above article,—

*Voted*, That the selectmen be hereby authorized to agree with the proprietors of the Federal Bridge Corporation to a reference of the claim of said proprietors, against the town of Concord for additional damages, on account of the laying of the highway over their bridge; the award of the Board of Reference be final, and that the selectmen be authorized to pay such sum as may be awarded by said Board of Reference.

“ART. XI.—To see if the town will vote to build reservoirs, on such streets and in such places, as may be necessary, in the village of Fisherville, also a reservoir on State street, near the house of Sewell Hoit, and raise and appropriate money therefor.”

Under the above article,—

*Voted*, That a sum of money not exceeding three hundred dollars, be raised and appropriated under the direction of the Selectmen and Chief Engineer, to build reservoirs in the village of Fisherville, and that the location be settled by the Board of Engineers.

*Voted*, That a sum of money not exceeding one hundred dollars, be raised and appropriated under the direction of the Selectmen and Chief Engineer, to build a reservoir on State street near the house of Sewell Hoit.

“ART. XII.—To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to purchase hose for Engine Company, No. 8, in said town, and to reimburse said company for stoves and other furniture furnished for their engine house.”

Under the above article,—

*Voted*, That a sum of money, not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars, be raised and appropriated to purchase hose for Engine Company, No. 8, and to reimburse said Company for stoves and other furniture furnished for their engine house.

“ART. XIII.—To see if the town will pass by-laws to prevent horses, mules, asses, neat cattle, sheep and swine, from going at large in any or all the public highways or commons in the town, and impose a penalty for the breach thereof.”

Under the above article,—

*Voted*, That a committee of three be appointed to draft by-laws.

The committee consisted of Samuel Coffin, Lyman D. Stevens, Stephen C. Badger, who subsequently reported the following resolution which was adopted by the town :

*Resolved*, That no horse, mule, ass, neat cattle, sheep or swine, be allowed to go at large in any street, highway or common, or in any public place in the town of Concord, at any time of the year, on penalty that the owner shall forfeit the sum of two dollars for each breach thereof.

“ART. XIV —To see if the town will vote to build or purchase an engine house and hose carriage for Engine Company, No. 3, to be located near the carriage factory of J. Stephens Abbot, and raise and appropriate money therefor.”

Under the above article,—

*Voted*, That the sum of six hundred dollars be raised and appropriated to build an engine house and purchase a hose carriage for Engine Company, No. 3, to be located near the carriage factory of J. Stephens Abbot.

*Voted*, That the report of the Chief Engineer be accepted.

[For Report see page 28.]

“ART. XV.—To see what remuneration the town will make Justin L. Robinson, for injury sustained by him in consequence of falling on Main street.”

*Voted*, That the above article be referred to the selectmen.

Under the above article,—

The following resolution was adopted.

*Resolved*, That merchants and others who are in the

habit of obstructing sidewalks with boxes, &c., are requested to remove the same, and that highway surveyors be requested to clear the side walks of said obstructions, and to take such other measures as may be proper to improve our sidewalks.

**“ART. XVI.—To see if the town will raise a sum of money equal to three per cent. of the school money, for the purpose of holding a Teachers’ Institute in this County.”**

Under the above article,—

*Voted*, That the selectmen be instructed to appropriate a sum of money not otherwise appropriated, equal to two per cent. of the school money, for the purpose of maintaining a Teachers’ Institute in this county ; *provided* that sixteen towns in this county contribute to the same object.

**“ART. XVII.—To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate fifty dollars to build a hearse house at the West Parish village.”**

Under the above article,—

*Voted*, That the selectmen be authorized to build or cause to be built a suitable hearse house, to be located in the burying ground near the West Village, as soon as may be, and that a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars, be raised and appropriated therefor.

*Voted*, That the report of the committee to whom was referred the subject embraced in the 22d article of the warrant for the last annual town meeting, relating to the damage to the town farm in consequence of the turning of Merrimack river by the Northern Railroad, be accepted, and that the subject matter be referred to the selectmen.

[For Report see page 29.]

*Voted*, That the selectmen be instructed to pay to each member of any Engine, or Hook and Ladder Company, in this town, twenty-five cents per hour, for all labor by him actually performed at fires, during the ensuing year, upon a certificate from the clerk or commanding officer of the

company to which he belongs under oath, as to the number of hours of such labor; which certificate shall be made to the selectmen on or before the first day of March next.

*Voted*, That the report of the committee, to whom was referred the subject embraced in the sixteenth article of the warrant for the last annual meeting relating to engine house, fire hooks and ladders, be accepted.

*Voted*, That Benjamin Grover be substituted on said committee in place of Joseph B. Walker, resigned.

*Voted*, That said committee be at liberty to locate Engine House, No. 4, at any point they may designate between Centre street and Pleasant street.

*Voted*, That Seth Eastman be appointed agent with full power to purchase Hooks and Ladders.

*Voted*, That the report of the selectmen, having in charge the re-building of Free Bridge, be accepted.

[For Report see page 30.]

Asa McFarland, Esq., introduced the following preamble and resolution, which was unanimously adopted.

Whereas, the tolling of bells on funeral occasions is productive of no good, and may, in case of the illness of the living, result in evil :

*Resolved*, That the practice be discontinued here, as it has generally been in other populous places.

*Voted*, That the Superintending School Committee of the town visit those districts which have adopted the Somersworth Act, if requested by the committee of those districts ; *provided*, the committee of those districts do not charge their services to the town.

Upon the following question,—

“Is it expedient for the Legislature to enact a law to exempt the homestead of families from attachment and levy, or sale on execution, to the amount of five hundred dollars,” the vote stood as follows :—

Yeas,	141
Nays,	19

*Voted*, That the Representative of this town in the Leg-



islature be instructed to act in conformity with the above vote.

*Voted*, That the selectmen be directed to cause the warrant for the next annual town meeting, to be published in the several newspapers printed in town.

*Voted*, That the proceedings of this meeting together with the check list, be published in pamphlet form, under the direction of the Selectmen and Town Clerk.

*Voted*, That this meeting be dissolved.

**WILLIAM D. ROBINSON,**

*Town Clerk.*

## REPORTS.

### AUDITORS' REPORT.

The undersigned, Auditors of Accounts for the year ending March, 1851, for the town of Concord, have attended to the duty assigned them, and have found the accounts of the Selectmen and acting Treasurer well vouched and correctly cast, and present the following statement of the accounts :

#### Receipts.

Cash on hand, March 1850,	\$4047 79
Taxes assessed and committed to A. Bean, Coll'r,	
to wit,	
Resident taxes,	16.346 39
Non-resident taxes,	212 24
Highway taxes,	51 78

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\$16610 41

School house tax,	No. 10	864 15
" " "	" 23	46 58
" " "	" 12	54 46
" " "	" 20	261 09
" " "	" 11	316 24

School house tax, No. 3,	315 32	
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		\$1857 84
Cash received of the County for support of paupers,	448 89	
Cash received of State Treasurer, literary fund,	221 68	
" " " Showmen for license,	30 00	
Sale of stone from the poor farm,	41 18	
Leonard Bell, amount of note and interest,	484 95	
A. Fowler, town funds,	396 20	
Parsonage,	1200 00	
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		\$1596 20
Cash borrowed of Savings Bank,	1500 00	
" " " Mechanicks Bank,	2000 00	
Cash of State Treasurer, for tax on Railroads,	3975 84	
" for old lumber,	79 37	
" of Nathan Stickney, for Sargent's taxes,	2 28	
" of J. C. Pillsbury, for oxen sold,	117 00	
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		\$33013 43
Which is accounted for as follows :		
Paid State Treasurer,	\$1705 20	
" County, "	1403 70	
" School orders,	4221 68	
" School house tax, No. 11,	300 00	
" " " 23,	50 00	
" " " 12,	54 46	
Repairs of Roads and Bridges, and compensation for Land,	1096 53	
Bridge at Fisherville,	2494 17	
Damage for defect of highway,	58 00	
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		\$3648 70
Free Bridge,	14532 63	
Federal Bridge,	1339 45	
For support of paupers,	930 63	
For printing and stationery,	193 67	
Office rent, fuel and furniture,	67 50	
Paid interest on Parsonage fund,	179 34	

Paid Concord Charitable Society,	50 00
“ bills of cost, professional services,	47 00
“ expenses of fire department,	308 58
“ repairs of town hall,	47 78
Hearse and hearse cloth for West Village, and repairing hearse and burying ground fence,	130 31
Paid soldiers for services prior to 1850,	14 00
“ “ “ for 1850,	6 00

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\$29230 63

Paid Selectmen and Town Clerk, for service and expenses,	1053 95
Paid auditors and expenses,	9 00
Non-resident highway receipts,	9 39
Abatement of taxes for 1849,	230 01
“ “ 1850,	106 81
Incidental expenses,	64 22
Interest on money borrowed,	103 00

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167 22

Commissions to collector,	225 00
Paid committee having charge of town funds,	5 00
“ superintending school committee,	218 25
Police and health expenses,	83 65

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\$31338 91

In the hands of A. Bean, Collector,	2514 25
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\$33853 16

Making a balance against the town of \$839.73, which sum is due J. Rob- inson, acting town treasurer,	839 73
The town owe the New-Hampshire Sav- ings Bank,	1500 00
Mechanicks Bank,	2000 00
Concord Charitable Society,	833 34
For an engine purchased, about	1076 75

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\$6249 82

For school house tax, Dist. No. 3,	305 00
“ “ “ 20,	250 00

For school house tax, Dist. No. 10,	808 00	
Land damages,	171 00	
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		\$7783 82
There is due the town from 'A. Bean,		
the collector,	2514 25	
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		\$5269 57
The town also owe for the various funds,	\$16628 39.	
PAUL WENTWORTH,	}	<i>Auditors.</i>
STEPHEN C. BADGER,		
J. E. LANG,		
SAMUEL COFFIN,		
March 6, 1851.		

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### TOWN FUNDS.

The committee having in charge the various funds belonging to the town of Concord, respectfully submit the following statement of the amount and present condition of those funds :

#### Parsonage Fund.

The original amount of this fund was,	\$5335 51
Land afterwards sold,	237 50
Extra dividend, Merrimack County Bank stock in 1846,	50 00

Amounting in all to	\$5623 01
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Which is now invested as follows :

13 shares in Concord Bank, cost	\$1326 25
4 shares in Mechanicks Bank, cost	400 00
Note, Feb. 27, 1849, R. E. Pecker,	
J. E. Lang and Wm. Pecker, balance,	664 77
Loaned town on certificate of selectmen,	3231 99

Amounting to	\$5623 01
Deducting as worthless Concord Bank stock,	1326 25

There remains an available parsonage fund of	\$4296 76
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